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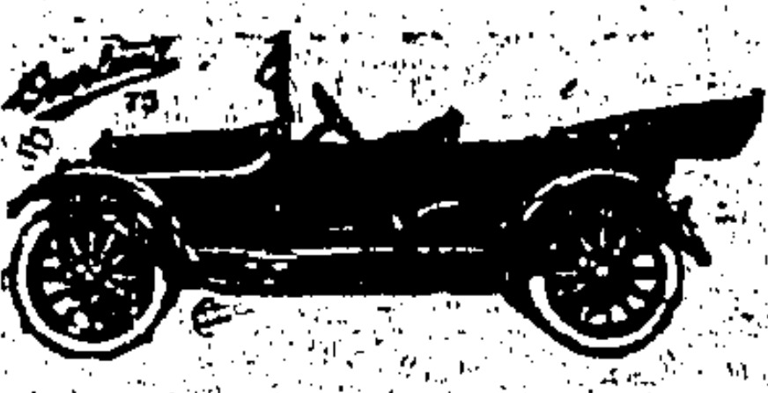

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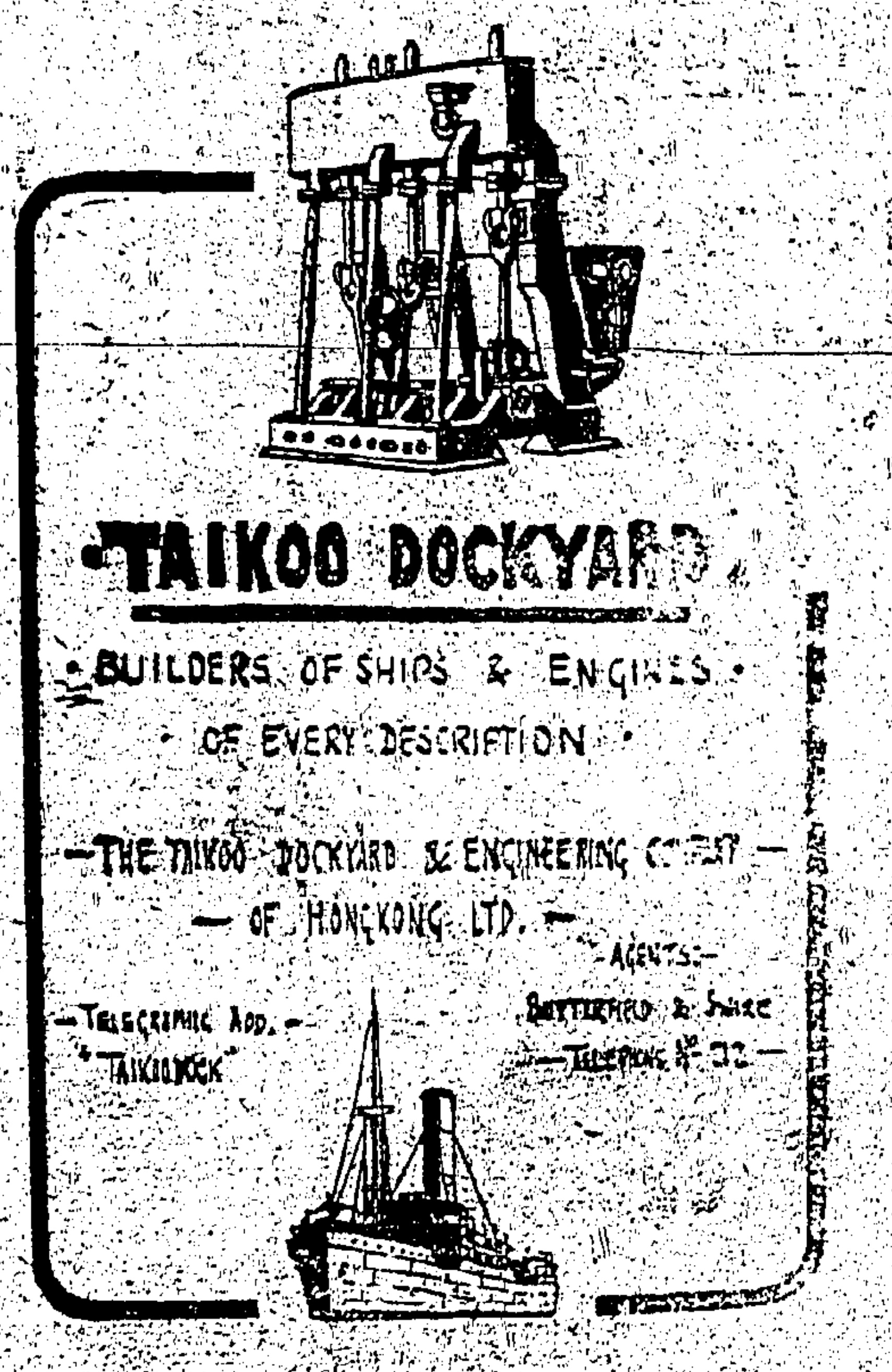

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THE ENTENTE AND THE BOLSHEVIKS.

ALLIES URGED TO RECOGNISE THE BOLSHEVIK GOVERNMENT.

LONDON, Jan. 4.

The *Daily Chronicle* and the *Daily News*, in leading articles, urge the Allies and the United States to recognise the Bolshevik Government.

INTERVIEW WITH M. LITVINKOFF.

DEFENCE OF THE BOLSHEVIKS.

LONDON, Jan. 4.

The *Daily Chronicle* publishes a long interview with M. Litvinkoff, who has been appointed Russian Provisional Plenipotentiary in London, and whom the paper pictures in the most eulogistic terms, emphasising his keen intelligence, force of will, and mastery of the English language.

In the interview, M. Litvinkoff eloquently defended the Bolsheviks, saying they were not usurpers, but the saviours of the Revolution. The responsibility for the internecine bloodshed fell on the irreconcilable Social Revolutionaries and the followers of General Korniloff and General Kaledin. It was grossly mischievous to represent the Bolsheviks as pro-German, anti-Ally or mere pacifists. They realised that Kaiserism and junkerdom were the greatest obstacles to the emancipation of the international proletariat, but they opposed the replacing of Prussian militarism by Russian, French or British militarism.

M. Litvinkoff rose to his feet and in a voice ringing with the conviction of religious fervour, said he was sanguine enough to imagine that the Russian and German armies on the Eastern Front may some day march together against the common foes of the world's proletariat in Germany, and perhaps, other countries. He believed, in fact, that by the negotiations and propaganda, now proceeding, that M. Trotzky and M. Lenin were contributing more effectively to the downfall of Kaiserism than were the Allies fighting in the West. He concluded by stating the Bolsheviks regarded a separate peace as a disaster but it might be inevitable. It was for the Allied Democracies to prevent it by raising their voices immediately.

DE FACTO RECOGNITION OF BOLSHEVIKS.

LONDON, Jan. 4.

The *Daily Chronicle* states that in view of the developments between Russia and the Central Powers, it is understood a *de facto* recognition may be accorded by the Western Powers to the Lenin Government and a democratic statement of the Allied policy will shortly be sent to Russia. M. Litvinkoff may, *de facto*, be recognised and Sir George Buchanan will be replaced by a diplomat sympathetic with the Russian Revolutionary ideas.

M. Tchitcherin, whom the Bolviks first proposed to appoint Ambassador to London, whilst he was interned in Brixton Prison, has been released and he left for Russia last evening, accompanied by M. Petroff, who has been released from internment at Islington.

MR. HENDERSON INTERVIEWS AN INTERNED RUSSIAN.

LONDON, Jan. 4.

Mr. Arthur Henderson [illegible]

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THE BRESTLITOVSK NEGOTIATIONS.

TWO TENDENCIES AMONG ENEMY DELEGATES.

LONDON, Jan. 4.

The *Daily News* Petrograd Correspondent states that during the negotiations at Brestlitovsk, there were two distinct tendencies on the part of the enemy delegations. One was annexationist, represented by General Hoffmann, Prince Leopold's Chief-of-Staff, and the other moderate, represented by Dr. von Kuehlmann and Count Czernin.

Disputes were frequent and there were constant appeals to Berlin, which supported the moderates.

The Russians have refused to return the war prisoners until peace has been signed.

RUSSIAN DELEGATES DEMAND CHANGE OF VENUE.

PETROGRAD, Jan. 4.

The President of the Russian Peace Delegation telegraphed on January 2, to the Austrian, German, Turkish and Bulgarian Delegations as follows:—

"The Russian Government considers it urgent, ultimately to conduct the peace *pourparlers* on neutral territory and proposes to transfer them to Stockholm. The Delegation awaits a reply at Petrograd. With reference to the Austro-German proposals contained in Articles 1 and 2, the Russian Government and also the Central Executive of the Committee of the Soviets are in agreement with the opinion of our Delegation and considers the proposals contrary to the principle of free, national self-determination, even in the restricted terms of the Quadruplice's reply to our Delegation."

THE PEACE NEGOTIATIONS.

REPORT TO THE REICHSTAG.

A CENSORED COMMUNIQUE.

AMSTERDAM, Jan. 4.

The German Chancellor in the Reichstag announced that Herr von dem Bussche, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, would report upon the Peace Negotiations, after which the Government and the Reichstag would confidently discuss the report and make weighty and fateful decisions.

Herr von dem Bussche stated that the negotiations had naturally been difficult owing to the fact that they had to be conducted by a Coalition on one side and a single Power on the other. Another difficulty was the public reporting which permitted the enemies to impede the negotiations. Strong efforts were made in this respect.

The remainder of the brief report which the German censors have so far permitted to be published of Herr von dem Bussche's speech speaks of him as emphasising certain territorial difficulties and referring to economic difficulties, but it gives no details.

Only a brief report of the discussion has been permitted, containing a declaration by a Centre deputy that if the present [illegible] constitutional [illegible] of Poland, Courland and Lithuania will be duly entitled to [illegible] their people [illegible]

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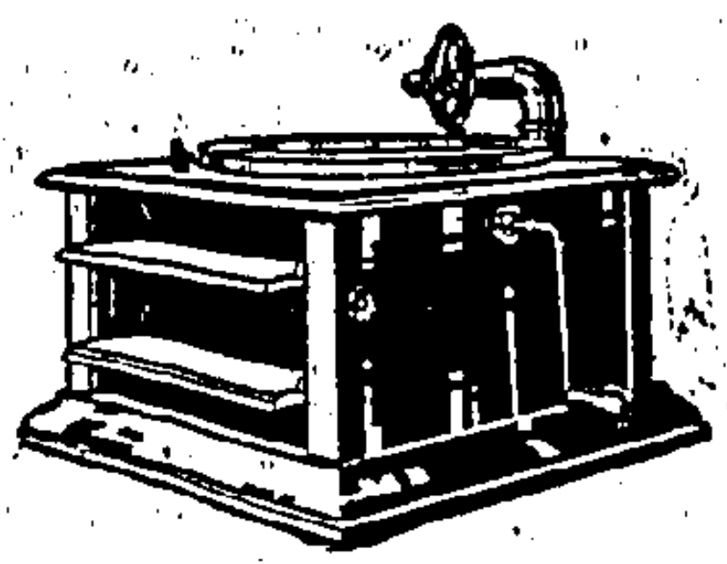

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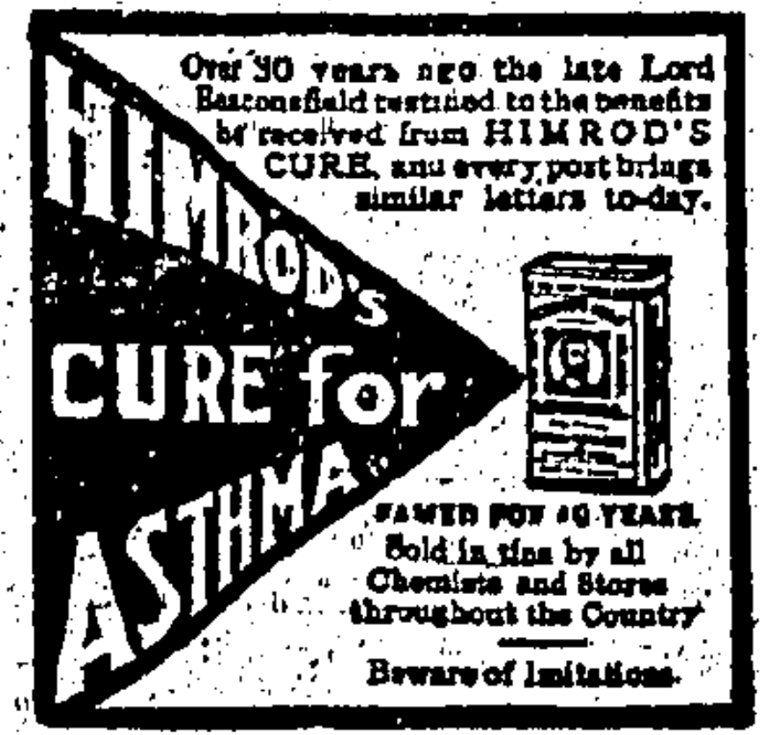

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OPENING OF DEFENCE.

STORY OF A COMMISSION.

The case was continued last Saturday in the Mixed Court at Shanghai before Mr. M. F. Perkins, American Assessor, and Magistrate Li, in which Mr. H. D. Rodger is suing T. L. Wong to recover $25,000 damages for libel.

Mr. Rodger conducted his own case with the assistance of Mr. Haskell, and Mr. E. W. Godfrey appeared for the defence.

Mr. G. F. Lindsay, of Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and Matthews, was called and he stated that he had prepared a statement of Mr. Rodger's account for the past three months.

Mr. Godfrey objected to this evidence being sprung on him at the last moment.

Mr. Rodger stated that the evidence was only brought to show the Court the actual damage that had been suffered.

The witness was allowed to continue his evidence.

Cross-examined he stated that he had only seen the bank paying-in book and receipt books. He had not seen a cash book. He pointed out that he was not asked to conduct an audit but to certify the cash receipts for the period. Witness had only taken the four months from September and had told Mr. Rodger that a statement prepared on the data so obtained could not be used as a fair comparison. When he spoke of this to Mr. Rodger, the latter replied that witness had to appear in Court the next day and the time would not permit of any further work.

Mr. Godfrey—Were you satisfied that this would not constitute a fair comparison?—Yes.

Witness added that he had audited lawyers' books before and expected to find monthly fluctuations in their books.

In opening the case for the defence, Mr. Godfrey asked the Court to keep clearly in mind the fact that this was an action for slander alleged to have been uttered by the defendant. They were not trying any other question. Sometimes in a case of this kind the real issue became for a time somewhat obscured, but the main issue in the case was: did Wong make the statements which he was alleged by the petition to have made, and if so, were they defamatory of the plaintiff and [illegible]. The defendant would go into the witness box and counsel thought the Court would see the type of man he was—a really businesslike steady-going Chinese with an excellent knowledge of English, which counsel would be glad to give him an opportunity of showing to the Court.

The outline of the facts of the case, from the defendant's point of view, was as follows:—A friend of Wong had some difficulty with regard to a contract for the purchase of a motor car and the defendant was asked to take him to a lawyer. Now, taking cases to lawyers was not a thing which Wong was accustomed to do, in spite of the fact that his position as interpreter at the Louza Police Station would allow him, if he wished, to introduce hundreds of cases. Wong knew Mr. Rodger, had known him from the time he joined the International Correspondence School to take up certain studies. He took his friend to the plaintiff and introduced him and asked the plaintiff to take up the case at a reasonable fee. Wong did not look for, did not expect and did not ask for anything in the shape of commission. It was not correct that the case was taken to Mr. Rodger about November 8th, just before the races. Mr. Rodger's and Mr. Haskell's statements with regard to that were inaccurate. The case was taken during October and that the defendant was in a position to verify by documents which he had in his possession. The matter was taken up by Mr. Rodger and there was nothing more for the defendant to do for some time; in fact, as far as he was concerned, he had practically finished with it. Later Mr. Rodger met Wong during November and asked him to come to his office. Wong called and the plaintiff was not in. He went on another occasion and met Mr. Rodger outside the office in his car. In the meantime the defendant had been approached by a certain Chinese in connection with some coolie business, into the details of which counsel did not think it necessary to enter, and he made a proposal to the plaintiff that he should go and see his consular authorities in connection therewith. Mr. Rodger took him into the car and they both went to the American Consulate. On the way there was a discussion in the car on the question of commission which Mr. Rodger expressed a desire to pay Wong. At the Consulate, Mr. Rodger was apparently unable to see the Consul-General, but on the next day Wong again called on Mr. Rodger and it was then explained that there was nothing in the coolie matter. Then, Wong would tell the Court, how the plaintiff went to his safe, returned to his desk and asked Wong for his initials, was told, and proceeded to write out a cheque for $80, being the equivalent of Tls. 60 which had been mentioned previously as the amount of the commission. This was offered to Wong, who refused to take it. Wong would tell them that he actually saw Mr. Rodger write "T. L. Wong" on the stub of the cheque book. He refused to accept the cheque but was persuaded by Mr. Rodger and eventually said, "Very well then. You buy Champions tickets with it and if we win, then you shall have half share with me." That was the [illegible] which was come to. Now counsel called for and notified Mr. Rodger to produce the cheque book, and Mr. Rodger produced a stub and also the [illegible] and also the stub were made out in the name of Mr. Chill, the member of the Race Club, whom Mr. Rodger entrusted with the purchase of the tickets, but on inspection of the counter-foil in the cheque book it would be seen that the name of T. L. Wong was entered there in quite bold characters, and in characters a little less bold was written "and I."

Mr. Rodger objected that this was not the case and promised to produce the counterfoil again at the next hearing.

Mr. Godfrey continued that the explanation which he was going to offer to the Court and which corresponded with Wong's story was that the name of Mr. Chill on both the cheque and the counterfoil and the other words on the counterfoil were subsequently placed upon that cheque book counterfoil by Mr. Rodger; that he did so immediately after the transaction occurred with the perfectly proper motive of recording this as a joint transaction.

Wong would say that $40 was never offered to him and there was never any question of that sum. He was offered $80 by cheque. Those were his first instructions to his lawyers, it was his story from the beginning, it was his story now, and in spite of the evidence which had been given, he was not afraid to tell it again in Court. The next day Wong wrote to Mr. Rodger asking him for the numbers of the tickets which had been purchased. The letter was before the Court, and counsel characterized it as a very important one. It was a perfectly written businesslike letter, written by a man who had been an interpreter for many years and knew exactly what he was writing. There was no explanation whatsoever of the letter except that Wong had in his mind the belief that those tickets were bought on his behalf, and the reason why he believed that, was because they were bought by the $80 which he had refused to accept in cash, but with which the plaintiff had agreed to buy tickets.

At this point the case was again adjourned.

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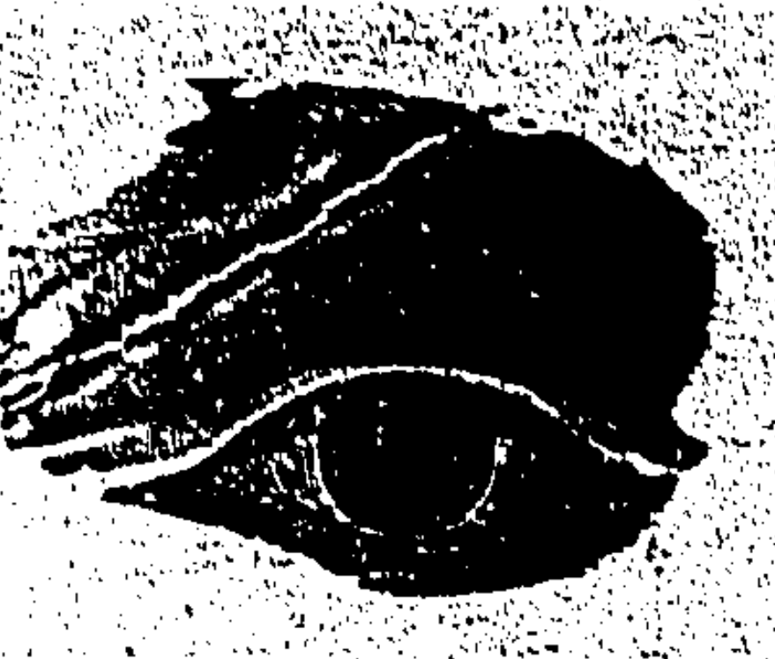

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KOWLOON					
No. 1 Dock, Kowloon	700'	86' top 77' bottom	30'	7' [illegible]	[illegible]
No. 2 Dock, Kowloon	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
No. 3 Dock, Kowloon	[illegible]	[illegible]	14'	[illegible]	[illegible]
Patent Slip, No. 1, Kowloon	[illegible]	[illegible]	14'	[illegible]	[illegible]
Patent Slip, No. 2, Kowloon	[illegible]	[illegible]	12'	[illegible]	[illegible]
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Cosmopolitan Dock	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
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the 9th January, 1918, commencing at 2.30 p.m., at their Sales Rooms, No. 8, Des Voeux Road, Corner of ICE HOUSE STREET,

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GENERAL POST OFFICE, LONDON,
June, 1916.

(For examples of Investment in War Savings Certificates, see the other side.)

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310 — —	315 — —	335 — —	355 — —	375 — —	400
232 10 —	236 5 —	251 5 —	266 5 —	281 5 —	300
155 — —	157 10 —	167 10 —	177 10 —	187 10 —	200
77 10 —	78 15 —	83 15 —	88 15 —	93 15 —	100
38 15 —	39 7 6	41 17 6	44 7 6	46 17 6	50
15 10 —	15 15 —	16 15 —	17 15 —	18 15 —	20
7 15 —	7 17 6	8 7 6	8 17 6	9 7 6	10
3 17 6	3 18 9	4 3 9	4 8 9	4 13 9	5
3 2 —	3 3 —	3 7 —	3 11 —	3 15 —	4
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Orders for Artillery Company by Captain J. H. W. Armstrong, V.D.

At Belchers Battery.

PARADE.

Monday, 7th instant:—
7.30 a.m.—Right Half Company D.R.F. Class only.
5.15 p.m.—Left Half Company D.R.F. Class only.

Tuesday, 8th instant:—
7.30 a.m.—Right Half Company. Full parade.
5.15 p.m.—Left Half Company. Full parade.

Thursday, 10th instant:—
7.30 a.m.—Right Half Company Layers' and Setters' Class only.
5.15 p.m.—Left Half Company Layers' and Setters' Class only.

Friday, 11th instant:—
7.30 a.m.—Right Half Company. Full parade.
5.15 p.m.—Left Half Company. Full parade.

Sunday, 13th instant:—
Right and Left Half Companies. Sub-calibre practice at Stonecutters.
Full particulars will be issued later.

Orders for Engineer Company by Captain W. Russell.

4th to 11th instant:—
E. L. Manning nightly at Belchers and Lyeemun. Parades as per Rosters posted at Headquarters.
Engine drivers at 5.30 p.m.
Electricians at 5.45 p.m.

OFFICERS NEXT FOR DUTY.

Belchers.—2nd-Lieut. Matthowman.
Lyeemun.—Captain James.
Stonecutters.—Lieut. Hall.

PARADES FOR INSTRUCTION.

Classes for higher ratings at Belchers at 6 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday, under Staff-Sergts. Ovendene and Parsons, R.E., Corporal Day and 2nd Corporal Norris, H.K.D.C.

Detail of duties at Lyeemun from 2nd to 16th January, 1918, is posted at Headquarters.

Orders for Infantry Battalion by Major H. A. Morgan.

PARADES.

"A" Company.

Note.—Dummy cartridges will be taken to all Musketry instruction parades. N.C.O's. and men who have completed their Musketry Course need not attend these parades.

Monday, 7th instant:—
4.30 p.m.—Standard Test No. 11 (Grouping with Min. ammunition), at Kennedy Road Range, for all who have not passed this test. Dress, drill order without rifles.
5.15 p.m.—No. 2 Platoon at Scandal Point. Musketry instruction. Dress, drill order with pouches.

Tuesday, 8th instant:—
4.30 p.m.—Annual Musketry Course, Part 1, Practices 1 and 2, at King's Park Range, for all who have not fired these practices. Dress, drill order.
5.15 p.m.—No. 1 Platoon, at Scandal Point. Musketry instruction. Dress, drill order with pouches.
5.15 p.m.—No. 4 Platoon, at Headquarters. Section Drill.

Wednesday, 9th instant:—
4.30 p.m.—Annual Musketry Course, Part 1, Practices 3 and 4, at King's Park Range, for all who have not fired these practices. Dress, drill order.
5.15 p.m.—No. 3 Platoon, at Headquarters. Musketry instruction. Dress, drill order with pouches.

Thursday, 10th instant:—
4.30 p.m.—Annual Musketry Course, Part 2, Practices 5, 6, 7 and 12, at King's Park Range, for all who have not fired these practices. Dress, drill order with pouches.

Friday, 11th instant:—
4.30 p.m.—Annual Musketry Course, Part 2, Practices 8 and 9, at King's Park Range, for all who have not fired these practices. Dress, drill order with pouches.

"B" Company.

Note.—Dummy cartridges will be taken to all Musketry instruction parades. N.C.O's. and men who have completed their Musketry Course need not attend these parades.

Monday, 7th instant:—
4.30 p.m.—Standard Test No. 11 (Grouping with Min. ammunition), at Kennedy Road Range, for all who have not passed this test. Dress, drill order without rifles. Officer in charge, Lieut. Evan-Jones.
5.15 p.m.—No. 8 Platoon, at Kowloon Docks. Musketry instruction. Dress, drill order with pouches.

Tuesday, 8th instant:—
4.30 p.m.—Annual Musketry Course, Part 1, Practices 1 and 2, at King's Park Range, for all who have not fired these practices. Dress, drill order.

Wednesday, 9th instant:—
4.30 p.m.—Annual Musketry Course, Part 1, Practices 3 and 4, at King's Park Range, for all who have not fired these practices. Dress, drill order.
5.15 p.m.—No. 5 Platoon, at Scandal Point. Musketry instruction. Dress, drill order with pouches.

Thursday, 10th instant:—
4.30 p.m.—Annual Musketry Course, Part 2, Practices 5, 6, 7 and 12, at King's Park Range, for all who have not fired these practices. Dress, drill order with pouches.

Friday, 11th instant:—
4.30 p.m.—Annual Musketry Course, Part 2, Practices 8 and 9, at King's Park Range, for all who have not fired these practices. Dress, drill order.
5.15 p.m.—Nos. 6 and 7 Platoons, at Scandal Point. Musketry instruction. Dress, drill order with pouches.

Sunday, 13th instant:—
8 a.m.—No. 8 Platoon (Kowloon Dock Sections), as detailed by C.S.M. Battey, at King's Park Range. Annual Musketry Course, Part 3, Practices 13, 14 and 16. Dress, drill order with pouches.

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Monday, 7th instant:—
5.10 p.m.—At Kowloon Docks. Nos. 1 and 2 Guns, men detailed by C.S.M. Duncan only, for completion of Part 1 of Table "C" of the Machine Gun Course.

Tuesday, 8th instant:—
7.10 a.m.—At Kennedy Road Range. No. 3 Gun. Men detailed by Sergt. Petley only, for completion of Part 1 as above.
5.10 p.m.—At Kowloon Docks. Nos. 1 and 2 Guns, men detailed by C.S.M. Duncan only, for completion of Part 1 of Table "C" of the Machine Gun Course.

Wednesday, 9th instant and Thursday, 10th instant:—
5 p.m.—At Kennedy Road Range. Nos. 4 and 5 Guns. Men detailed by Sergt. Bannerman and other men detailed by O/c M.G. Company for completion of Part 1 as above. On these dates firing will commence at 4.30 p.m. and as many men as possible should be present at that time.

MOUNTED SECTION.

Monday, 7th instant:—
4.30 p.m.—Standard Test No. 11 (Grouping with Min. ammunition), at Kennedy Road Range, for all who have not passed this test. Dress, drill order without rifles.
5.15 p.m.—At Jockey Club Stables. Dress, drill order.

Tuesday, 8th instant:—
4.30 p.m.—Annual Musketry Course, Part 1, Practices 1 and 2, at King's Park Range, for all who have not fired these practices. Dress, drill order.

Wednesday, 9th instant:—
4.30 p.m.—Annual Musketry Course, Part 1, Practices 3 and 4, at King's Park Range, for all who have not fired these practices. Dress, drill order.

Thursday, 10th instant:—
4.30 p.m.—Annual Musketry Course, Part 2, Practices 5, 6, 7 and 12, at King's Park Range, for all who have not fired these practices. Dress, drill order with pouches.
5.15 p.m.—At Jockey Club Stables. Dress, drill order without rifles.

Friday, 11th instant:—
4.30 p.m.—Annual Musketry Course, Part 2, Practices 8 and 9, at King's Park Range, for all who have not fired these practices. Dress, drill order with pouches.

SIGNALLING SECTION.

Note.—Dummy cartridges will be taken to all Musketry instruction parades.

Tuesday, 8th instant, and Friday, 11th instant:—
5.15 p.m.—At Headquarters. Musketry instruction. Dress, drill order with pouches.

STRETCHER BEARER SECTION.

Tuesday, 8th instant:—
5.15 p.m.—Drill at Headquarters.

RECRUITS.

Monday, 7th instant:—
5.15 p.m.—All units except "D" Company on Murray Parade Ground, under C. S. M. Witchell, Sergt. Oxberry and Corporal Grimes. Dress, drill order.

Friday, 11th instant:—
4.30 p.m.—All units except "D" Company, at Kennedy Road Range. (Grouping with Min. ammunition). Dress, drill order without rifles. Officer in charge, Lieut. Evan-Jones. Sergts. Edmonds and Meade will attend.

"D" COMPANY.

Monday, 7th instant:—
5.15 p.m.—Nos. 1 and 2 Sections, on Murray Parade Ground. Musketry instruction. Dress, drill order with pouches. Sergts. Edmonds and Meade will attend.

Friday, 11th instant:—
5.15 p.m.—Nos. 3 and 4 Sections, on Murray Parade Ground. Musketry instruction. Dress, drill order with pouches. Sergt. Oxberry and Corpl. Grimes will attend.

DETAIL.

On duty to 10th instant inclusive.—"B" Company.

On duty to 11th instant.—Mounted Section.

On duty to 12th and 13th instant.—Machine Gun Company.

On duty 14th to 21st instant inclusive.—"A" Company.

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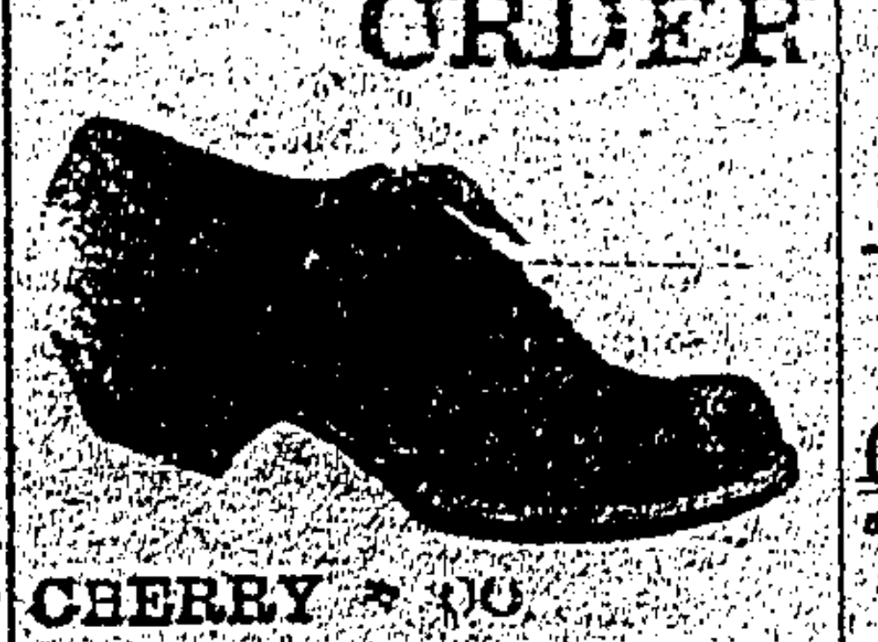

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All broken, chafed and damaged packages are to be left in the Godowns where they will be examined by Messrs. Goddard & Douglas on 12th January, 1918, at 10 A.M. Claims against the steamer must be presented within 10 days of arrival, otherwise they will not be recognized.

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THE CALENDAR.

MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.

Special Services of Prayer and Intercession in connection with the War.

Chinese Festival of Hsiao-han (Slight Cold).

MEMO. FOR MONDAY.

2.30 p.m.—Auction of Chinese Porcelains, Kakemonos, Curios, &c. at Messrs. Hughes and Hough's auction rooms.

GENERAL MEMORANDA.

WEDNESDAY, Jan. 9:—

2.30 p.m.—Auction of Furniture &c. at Messrs. Hughes & Hough's Auction Room.

5.30 p.m.—Congregation at Hongkong University.

FRIDAY, Jan. 11:—

3 p.m.—Auction of lots for erection of Booths and Matsheds at the Race Course by Messrs. Hughes & Hough on the spot.

MONDAY, Feb. 11:—

Chinese New Year.

THE 'CHINA MAIL.'

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DEATHS.

CRANSTON.—Lieut. WILLIAM AULD CRANSTON, Royal Engineers, aged 34, second son of Mr. and Mrs. DAVID CRANSTON, "Mohkanshan," Giffnock, Scotland, late of Shanghai. Killed in action.

CHAMBERS.—On December 20, 1917, ALFRED BALDWIN (Fred) CHAMBERS, London Scottish, aged 18, 2nd son of Mr. and Mrs. P. A. H. Chambers of Shanghai. Died of wounds in France. (By cable.)

GALLETLY.—On December 29, 1917, at the Isolation Hospital, Shanghai, JOHN MENZIES CAMPBELL GALLETLY (Messrs. Dodwell & Co., Ltd.,) aged 42 years.

NEW.—On December 29, 1917, at Shanghai, S. C. NEW, aged 56, Secretary of the Kiangnan Dock.

The China Mail.

HONGKONG, SATURDAY, Jan. 5, 1918.

THE PALESTINE CAMPAIGN.

WHEN the full history of the Palestine campaign comes to be written, the British Army operating in that quarter will come in for a good deal more credit than it has yet perhaps received. The capture of Jerusalem and the defeat of a big effort on the part of the enemy to retake it are the most spectacular events of the campaign, and public interest is focussed on this theatre more by reason of the religious and historical associations of the country than on account of the achievements of General ALLENBY's forces from the purely military point of view. Yet the whole campaign so far as it has developed has been a remarkable achievement. Reuter's Correspondent with the Forces in Palestine gave in the cable we published yesterday a more adequate idea of the difficult nature of the terrain than has been supplied in any official communiqué. The high country around Jerusalem itself is a natural fortress and it is surprising that the Turks, who showed themselves to be such fine soldiers in Gallipoli, were unable to defend these heights around Jerusalem, especially as they had the assistance of a large number of Germans and the benefit of the advice of a German General of von FALKENHEYN's standing. It must not be overlooked in estimating the occupation of Jerusalem as a military achievement that it had to be preceded by the conquest of the Sinai desert, which a high military authority recently described as "the real difficulty." In this respect, he said, marvellous work has been accomplished. It is interesting to learn that our troops in Jerusalem are drinking water brought from Egypt, one hundred and fifty miles across the desert, in pipes which were brought from England and America. Moreover, a broad-guage railway has been constructed, and thus the Sinai desert has been conquered after hundreds of years by organisation and industry, "and largely by material help from America." Another fact to be remembered is that the campaign has been mainly carried out by British territorials, supported by Australians, New Zealanders and [illegible], with a small Indian contingent and still smaller French and Italian contingents co-operating. The result of the latest encounter must have satisfied the enemy that "Jerusalem is lost for ever" (as they were told by their commanders it would be if the attack failed), and the further fact that they were promised "abundant food" if it succeeded, suggests that General ALLENBY's further advance is not likely to be strenuously disputed by an army which must already be demoralised by defeats, and is apparently suffering also from semi-starvation.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Rev. J. Kirk Maconachie desires to acknowledge with thanks, the receipt of $25 from "B" for the Prisoners-of-War Relief Fund.

To-day's news from Peking is that Li Shun, who is negotiating on behalf of the North for peace, has transmitted advices from the South-West Provinces embodying definite terms for a settlement in Hunan and Kwongtung. The President has called the Palace Officials and the Cabinet to a joint conference to consider the terms.

His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to re-appoint Dr. G. E. Aubrey, Dr. O. Marriott, Dr. F. H. Kew, and Dr. J. W. Noble to be Members of the Dental Board for a further term of three years, with effect from the 17th July, 1917, and to appoint Dr. E. Evans Jones to act during the absence of Dr. Noble or until further notice.

A grave digger at Mount Caroline cemetery, reports that at 6.30 p.m. on the 4th instant, five men armed with revolvers and their faces covered with cloth, broke into his room. They pointed their revolvers at him and his wife and children, gagged them with wooden gags and tied their wrists behind their backs. The robbers ransacked the house and stole money and jewelry to the value of $240.

Notice is given in the *Gazette* that the term of office of the Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock, representative of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace upon the Legislative Council, expires on the 16th of January, 1918; and that he has expressed his willingness to stand again. In the event of another Justice of the Peace being nominated a meeting of the Justices other than Government Officials will be held at the Magistracy on Monday, the 28th day of January, for the purpose of electing a representative of the Justices upon the Legislative Council.

DEATH OF MR. UN KAM WA.

We regret to learn of the death of Mr. Un Kam Wa, which took place yesterday, at Canton. The body of the deceased will be brought to Hongkong where the funeral ceremonies will be conducted.

Mr. Un Kam Wa was a very prominent member of the Chinese mercantile community of the Colony and was the sole proprietor of the Wa Hing Yung firm, carrying on a large export business. He was also interested in many other commercial concerns. The deceased took a practical interest in the Chinese Company of the Police Reserves, for which he received the thanks of the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

In other directions, Mr. Un Kam Wa showed himself to be one of the Colony's most public spirited men, and his death will be deeply regretted.

THINGS ONE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW.

WHETHER the Government intend to plant cabbages or flowering shrubs on the débris which has been permitted to lie on the pavement in Queen's Road Central for the past two months or more?

WHETHER it is all "part of the training" that the men in barracks on the Peak should have no fires these cold evenings?

The *Daily Mail* is conducting a campaign for discovering pro-Germans in England. It asks its readers to send in the names of all persons who amongst other things talk about "matters the Government dare not disclose," "the impossibility of the war ending except [illegible]

THE FIGHTING AT CANTON.

GUNBOATS BOMBARD MILITARY GOVERNOR'S QUARTERS.

We learn from a very well informed quarter that the fighting which occurred near Canton yesterday morning was due to a difference of opinion between the Pacifying Commissioner, Li Fuk Lum, and General Mok, the Military Governor.

It appears that General Mok ordered the arrest of about 70 of Li Fuk Lum's men, who were stationed at Ho Hau, which is situated on one of the bends of the West River. These men were accused by General Mok of acting as spies for General Lung, the Inspector General, who is on his way to Canton, with his troops. When Li Fok Lum heard of the arrests he called on the Military Governor and offered to stand security for the men if they were released. General Mok refused and promptly had about 40 of the prisoners shot. Subsequently, Li Fuk Lum had a conference with Admiral Cheng Pik Kwong, the Chief of the Admiralty, and instructions were given to the gunboats to fire on Kwan Yam Sang, where the Military Governor and his Staff were quartered. This order was carried out at about three o'clock in the morning. Some 20 houses were damaged and two shots fell into the house of the Military Governor, killing one of his wives and injuring one of his children. No reply to this firing was made by the Military Governor, since he was not aware of the position of the gun-boats which, after the firing, mostly left Canton.

The reason why a decision was made to fire on the Military Governor was because Admiral Cheng and Li Fuk Lum were of the opinion that the Cantonese were being unjustly shot by General Fok.

HONGKONG MAN'S LETTER FROM A DUG-OUT.

Second Lieut. Leslie Ross, writing to a friend in Hongkong, says:—

I am still going strong, and carrying on the good work as far as possible out here—at present under rather dismal circumstances, as it is horribly cold and windy, with rain every day. The mud and slosh are almost beyond belief. Really, I do admire our boys. The way they carry on as cheerfully as they do, under the most depressing circumstances, is astonishing. Wet through most of the time, and invariably over their ankles in slosh they are still merry and bright all the time, and ready to do any mortal thing they are ordered with perfect cheerfulness. One thing, at least, is pleasant, and that is that we've been moved to a much quieter front than we had been in all the while I have been out here, and we live in comparative peace nowadays—a very occasional shell or a few bombs, and that is all. Up at our last camp we had no peace day or night, and our casualties were tolerably heavy, particularly in horses.

Here, we are right out on the blue, and never see a civilian. The whole country is the abomination of desolation,—one mass of shell holes, mine craters and old trenches and dugouts—and whole villages are represented by a British made signboard, otherwise one would hardly guess they had ever been there. It makes finding one's way about at night, with a big convoy, rather a strenuous job, at times! But it all gets done, somehow.

Had quite a job the other day. I was sent out in charge of four waggons, to a point pretty near the front line to collect empty petrol tins, take them back a certain distance, fill them with water, and then deliver them the next morning at a point near the line, for the use of our Brigade who were in the trenches at the time. This went on for a week—and our little camp was under shell fire all the time, and the Boches also had a devil of a barrage on the road we had to go along twice a day. But no casualties, luckily! My sergeant is recommended for the Military Medal for this stunt. I hope he gets it; he did well.

I'm living in quite a jolly dug-out at the moment. It is about fifteen by seven, and six feet high—much warmer than a corrugated iron hut, or a tent at present. I've got it fixed up, with a wood floor, and the walls lined with canvas, corrugated iron ceiling, whitewashed, and with my Kirchner pictures and a big fire going, it's quite homely but I often think of my jolly room at "Kingsclere."

"BURSTING WITH FOOD."

Professor Pares describes Russia as bursting with food, though owing to the difficulties of transport and the existence of disorder prices are high in the towns [illegible]

THE MAGISTRACY.

ARMED ROBBERY ON A JUNK.

Three Chinese were charged before Mr. J. R. Wood this morning, with committing an armed robbery on a cargo boat on New Year's night.

Defendants pleaded not guilty.

Inspector Sim, outlining the case, related that about ten o'clock on the evening of the 1st instant, five men, including the defendants, engaged a sampan at Bowrington Canal to take them to a cargo boat which was anchored off Kellett Island. The men were alleged to have boarded the boat armed with knives. They threatened the owner of the boat, ordering him to keep silent while they proceeded to ransack the boat, stealing money and jewelry to the value of $101, and departed in their sampan. As soon as the sampan left the boat, the victim of the robbery commenced to shout "Save life" and blew a police whistle. The sampan returned to Bowrington Canal, and a Chinese tram inspector hearing the cries, grasped the situation and promptly arrested one of the robbers who landed. This man shouted a warning to his confederates. The robbers instantly rowed away and soon all trace of them was lost. The boatman, realising for the first time in whose company he was, jumped overboard and swam to the shore. The prisoner was taken to the Police Station and there he gave certain information to the Police, who acting on it, effected the arrest of two more men. The sampan was found floating near the Corinthian Yacht Club, the next day, and the Inspector, on searching it, found a sheath knife and some caps and shoes. An identification parade was held by Mr. King A.C.P., and the three defendants were identified by the junk owner and his wife as the robbers.

Mr. Wood remanded the prisoners until next Saturday.

AN INNOCENT DUPE.

Two Chinese were charged on remand with the unlawful possession of 79 taels of prepared opium other than Government opium.

Defendants pleaded not guilty.

Evidence was given by a revenue officer who stated that he saw the two defendants leaving a sampan carrying a trunk which appeared to be suspiciously bulky. He stopped defendant and examined the trunk. The first defendant who was carrying it said it did not belong to him, but to a passenger on board the s.s. *Taksang* who requested him to take it ashore and leave it at the Eastern Hotel. Witness took both men into custody and brought them to the Revenue Office. The trunk was examined and its sides found to be double. In the compartments thus made a number of tins of opium were found.

Mr F. X. D'Almada, appearing for the two defendants, contended that the first defendant was the innocent dupe while the second defendant had nothing at all to do with the opium. He had been to the ship to find a job as a cook and being unsuccessful returned ashore in the same sampan as the first defendant.

To clear all the doubts of the first defendant's complicity with the crime, the Magistrate adjourned the case for a short time to allow the first defendant to try on the clothes. When the case was resumed a few minutes later, Inspector Clarke declared that the clothes did not fit defendant at all. They belonged to a much smaller man. He added that it was his opinion that this was a genuine case of "innocence."

Mr Wood discharged the defendants, and ordered the opium to be confiscated.

WAR SAVINGS.

The Union Insurance Society of Canton, Limited ask us to publish the intimation that all future payments into the Hongkong & South China War Savings Association will be invested in sterling 5% National War Bonds.

Arrangements have also been made whereby the interest accruing on the investments already made in Straits Settlements War Loan will, until further notice, be re-invested in the Straits Settlements War Loan at 6%.

The total output of the Kailan Mining Administration's mines for the week ending 22nd December, amounted to 66,659 tons, and the sales during the period to 58,035 tons.

DO YOU COUGH?

DON'T overstrain the fine membrane of your throat in trying to dislodge the phlegm. Chamberlain's Cough [illegible]

UNIVERSITY OF HONGKONG.

MATRICULATION EXAMINATION, DEC. 1917.

HONGKONG CANDIDATES.

HONOURS LIST.

*10 Choo Shiu Kin, St Xavier's Institution, Penang.
19 Ko Kan Wing, Sacred Heart College, Canton.
22 Wong Siat Lum, St Paul's Institution, Seramban.
36 Wong Hing Kwong.
*42 Chua Sin Kah, St Xavier's Institution, Penang.
†157 Ho Ka Chi, Sacred Heart College, Canton.

PASS LIST.

3 Tam Cheung Huen, St. Stephen's College.
*7 Chau Sek Nin, St. Stephen's College.
*12 George Edward Rowan, Private Study.
13 Andrew Ling, St. Stephen's College.
*14 To Shiu Hung, Private Study.
16 Yong Kung Lin, Victoria Inst. Kuala Lumpur.
20 Lee Pak Hung, Private Study.
*26 Huang Sae Fang, Anglo-Chinese College, Tientsin.
27 Cyril Laing, Queen's College.
*29 Tan Kim Hong, Anglo-Chinese School, Singapore.
33 Liu Che Man.
39 Kueh Eng Ch'eng.
41 Soo Hoy Mun, Private Study.
†154 Richard Conrad Gegg, Victoria British School.
†159 Wong Chi Kit, Sacred Heart College, Canton.
†164 Ng Chit Chung, Private Study.

*Qualified for Faculty of Medicine.

†Entered for Senior Local—qualified for Matriculation.

Candidates who may matriculate in the Faculties of Arts or Engineering but will be required to pass subsequently in Chinese.

25 William Mok, Private Study.

Candidate referred in English.

1 Liu Chun Kin, St. Stephen's College.

Candidates who failed the Matriculation Examination but have been awarded Senior Local Certificates.

6 Lim Kho Beng, Anglo-Chinese School, Singapore.
34 Abbasbhoy Abdoolhusen Abdoolraham, St. Joseph's College.
49 Lam Shiu Kwong, Private Study.
50 Ho Keng Kwai, Anglo-Chinese School, Ipoh.

Candidates who have previously passed the Matriculation Examination and have now qualified for the Faculty of Medicine.

28 Woo Yee Tak.
32 Shin Lok Shang.
44 Yong Loo Lin.
45 Lim Eng Hee.
46 Mustapa bin Osman.
51 Pun Chin To.
52 Lam Wan Po.

Note.—Candidates who have been referred in English may attend the Matriculation class in English at the University. They will be allowed to matriculate if they pass in English at the next Matriculation Examination.

SENIOR LOCAL EXAMINATION, DEC. 1917.

HONGKONG CANDIDATES (BOYS.)

PASS LIST.

(*Note*:—Candidates who have qualified for matriculation are entered on the Matriculation List.)

152 Victor Mayor Hast, Victoria British School.
153 Wu Wang Pan, Sacred Heart College, Canton.
156 Li Ping Choi, St. Paul's College.
166 Chan Shu Fan, Private Study.

GIRLS.

PASS LIST.

251 Doris Evelyn Curry, Kowloon British School.
252 Reta Frances Hazeland, French Convent (Distn. in Arithmetic)
254 Andrée Baudet, French Convent.
255 Gladys Louisa Woolley, Victoria British School.
257 Fok Kum Yung, Private Study.
258 Li King Yung, St. Stephen's College, (Distinction in Needlework).

JUNIOR LOCAL EXAMINATION, DEC. 1917.

BOYS.

PASS LIST.

2 Li Che Hoi, Ying Wah College.
9 So Sai, Queen's College.
11 Wong Shui Yan, Queen's College.
15 Chau Man Lap, Queen's College.
20 David Lyon, Victoria British School.
22 John Garden, Victoria British School.
25 Henry Spencer Hall, Queen's College.
26 Cheng Chick Yu, Private Study.
28 Chan Leong Van, Private Study.
29 William George Garrard, Kowloon British School.
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GIRLS.

PASS LIST.

121 Alda d'Almeida Franco, French Convent.
123 Mary Agnes Stuart Ramsey, French Convent.
124 Gertrude Eileen Stubbings, Kowloon British School. (Distinction in English).
126 Evelyn Stokes Woolley, Victoria British School.

THE SECOND CONGREGATION.

At the Second Congregation of the University on the 9th instant the Honorary Degree of LL.D. will be conferred on the undermentioned:—

Sir James H. Stewart Lockhart, K.C.M.G.

Mr. J. W. Jamieson, C.M.G.

Revd. T. W. Pearce.

The following will be presented for the degrees indicated:—

M.B., B.S.—A. O. Merican, B. C. Wong, Wong Kwok Kan, Wong Siong Cie, Wong Tsz Chuen, Cheung Wing Tai and Chan Chung San.

B. Sc. (Engineering).—Au Kim Kwong, S. T. M. Barma, Cheung U Pui, William Hall, Ip Hin Fong, Iu Tak Chung, Lai Hau Chin, Lee In Cheung, John Moraes, Pun In Tat, Saw Whee Seong, Tai Tung Pui, Wong Tsz Ting, Wong Wai Hung, M. A. Xavier, Yeung Tso Wing and Foo Ping Sheung. (First Class Honours).

ARTS (B.A.)—Tahu Sok Hi.

The University Authorities hope that all University Graduates attending the ceremony will wear academic costume.

COMMERCIAL.

HONGKONG SHARE MARKET.

Messrs. Moxon and Taylor in their Weekly Share Report dated 4th January state:—

Our market opened on Wednesday the 2nd, when a fairly large volume of business was done, but as we go to press the market is almost stagnant, following on the publication of a contradiction of the rumour which has been prevalent for the past month that the Indo-China Company were about to amalgamate with the P. & O. This contradiction has been officially published by the local Managers of the Indo-China S.N. Co., Ltd., but it is only fair to point out that in London the rumour appears to gain credence if one is to judge by the constant firmness and gradual rise in the Sterling quotation, which to-day comes through at £36, being the equivalent of $250.

Shanghai continues firm so far as Cotton Shares are concerned, but a restricted business only has been done so far.

BANKS.—Hongkong Banks have come to business at $800 with sellers prevailing at this rate.

MARINE INSURANCES.—Cantons continue to offer at $300 and Unions could be placed at $740. North Chinas are wanted at Tls. 118.

FIRE INSURANCES.—China Fires are wanted at $122½ and Hongkong Fires at $310.

SHIPPING.—Deferred Indos for reasons stated above have had a sharp fall, the closing quotations being $155 for cash and $161 for March after business having been done at $154 and $155 for the latter delivery. Douglases have come to business at $73 and Steamboats at $17½.

REFINERIES.—China Sugars have changed hands at $93 and Malabons are offering at $36.

OILS AND MINING.—Langkats have been dealt in at Tls. 15 and Raubs at $3.40, whilst Tronohs at 31/3, Urals at 26/—, Kailans at 40/— and Shells at 115/—all have sellers at quotations.

DOCKS, WHARVES AND GODOWNS.—Kowloon Wharves have buyers at $98½ for cash with $102 offering for March. Hongkong Docks have buyers at $127 for cash with shares offering at $130 for March. Shanghai Docks at $71 are quiet with nothing doing.

LANDS, HOTELS AND BUILDINGS.—West Points at $81, Hongkong Lands at $90, Hongkong Hotels at $90, and Centrals at $90 have small transactions at quotations. Humphreys could be placed at $5½ and Kowloon Lands at $30.

COTTON MILLS.—Shanghai quotes as under:—Ewos Tls. 165 buyers ex dividend, Shanghai Cottons Tls. 123½ buyers, Kung Yiks Tls. 16½ nominal, Yangtszepoos Tls. 7.90 buyers.

ELECTRIC COMPANIES.—Hongkong Electrics are wanted at $47, China Lights at $3½ and Hongkong Trams at $6½.

MISCELLANEOUS.—Watsons continue to offer at $5.60, Cements at $7½, Dairy Farms at $27½, and Ropes at $29½. Ices at $150 and Waterboats at $12 could all be placed at quotations.

RUBBERS.—Singapore cables the following quotations:—Malaka Pindas $2.70, Malakoffs $4.40, New Ferendahs $4.65, Radellas $12.50, Ayer Panas $11.25, Sungei Bagan $3.80, Singapore currency all sellers.

Rubber (Plantation) is quoted 2/6½ per lb.

EXCHANGE.—The demand rate on London is 3/-¾ and the T.T. selling rate on Shanghai is 69.

The vexatious variation in the spelling of "Mac" recently is outdone by the variant spellings of the name of the disciple of Islam, which figures so prominently in the newspapers just now. The good old word was "Mahometan," and this is still adhered to in many quarters. But it has been largely superseded by the form "Mohammedan," or one of its variations, of which the Oxford Dictionary provides seven—"Mahumedan, Mahomedan, Mahommedan, Mohummadan, Mohammadan, Muhammadan, Moohummuddan." "Mahometan" also appears in several different forms. Dictionaries and encyclopaedias still vary considerably in the matter of the form to which they lend their authority. Look up "Mohammedan" in one and you will be sent back to "Mahometan"; seek "Mahometan" in another and you are referred to "Mohammedan." The "Times" employs the form "Mahomedan," but the purist adheres to "Muhammadan" as approaching most nearly to the original [illegible]

CURE THAT COUGH.

WHEN you have a troublesome cough, it does not mean that you have consumption or that you are going to have it, but it does mean that your [illegible]

TELEGRAMS.

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THE WESTERN FRONT.

LOCAL FIGHTING ON CAMBRAI FRONT.

LONDON, Jan. 4, 12.50 p.m.

Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reports:—

There was local fighting, yesterday afternoon, on the Cambrai Front, near the Canal du Nord, but it did not produce any material change.

We advanced our line slightly, during the night, to the south of Lens.

There was hostile artillery activity at Bullecourt and Ypres.

HOSTILE ARTILLERY ACTIVE.

LONDON, Jan. 4, 12.35 a.m.

Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reports:—

Enemy raiders were driven off before they reached our positions, to the east of Epehy.

The hostile artillery was more active to the south-west and to the west of Cambrai. It was also active along the Front from the south of Lens to Armentieres and in the neighbourhood of Zonnebeke.

Our aeroplanes, yesterday night, dropped a few bombs on Carvin, despite the bad weather.

BRITISH ARTILLERY AND AIRCRAFT WORK.

LONDON, Jan. 3.

A British message reports that an Italian official message says:—

Our artillery carried out destructive bombardments on the enemy batteries.

Our airmen carried out successful bombing raids.

We carried out a raid, crossing the Piave, and taking prisoners.

THE RECENT REVERSE AT CAMBRAI.

SEVERAL OFFICERS RETIRED.

LONDON, Jan. 4.

The *Daily Chronicle* states the Report of the enquiry, conducted by Sir Douglas Haig and Lord Derby, in connection with the reverse at Cambrai, has been completed.

Several responsible officers have already retired.

ENEMY ATTACK IN ALSACE FAILS.

LONDON, Jan. 4.

A French communiqué states:—

An enemy attempt to attack, opposite Aspach, in Upper Alsace, completely failed and the Germans suffered appreciable losses.

Two enemy aeroplanes were brought down and six others fell in their own lines.

Our air squadrons dropped 7,500 kilogrammes of bombs on factories at Rombach and the railway stations at Metzsablons, Conflans, Argivable and other places.

THE ITALIAN FRONT.

THE STORMING OF MOUNT TOMBA.

BRILLIANT FRENCH EXPLOIT.

LONDON, Jan. 4.

Reuter's Correspondent at British Headquarters in Italy, telegraphing yesterday, says that in the recent Monte Tomba success the French applied the lessons learnt on the Somme and other battlefields.

The attack was prepared most carefully and was carried out in a most brilliant style of mountain warfare. The enemy masses suffered considerably from the French artillery preparation, but the most difficult task was that of the left flank in crossing a ravine. When this had been accomplished, the centre and right executed a converging movement in conjunction with the left and soon overwhelmed the Austrian resistance.

The German reserves counter-attacked, but it was too late to produce any serious effect.

The French now overlook all the further side of Monte Tomba and also the Alano Valley.

The British aviators prevented enemy observation and reported that within twenty minutes all the objectives had been gained.

British patrols crossed the Piave, inflicting losses and bringing back prisoners.

AFFAIRS IN RUSSIA.

"A SOLDIERS' PEACE."

PETROGRAD, Jan. 4.

The newspapers reject the German designs on Poland and the Baltic provinces. The Maximalists paper *Pravda* states that the German Imperialists are out of their reckoning. If their Generals do not wish to renounce plunder, the soldiers themselves, will conclude a soldiers' peace.

The paper recalls the German naval mutiny last year, and adds:—"Messieurs Imperialists! You are sowing the wind and you will reap a whirlwind."

THE CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY.

PETROGRAD, Jan. 4.

The Council of the Peoples' Commissioners fixes the date for the opening of the Constituent Assembly as January 18, provided there is the necessary quorum of 400.

MORE DIPLOMATIC SECRETS TO BE REVEALED.

PETROGRAD, Jan. 4.

The Bolshevik News Agency announces that among the papers discovered at the Foreign Ministry, are interesting documents dealing with the *pourparlers* between the German and Russian Imperial Governments on the subject of an International Convention for fighting Socialism. Other curious documents have lately been unearthed dealing with the time immediately preceding the war and relating to the German policy.

The contents will be published when they have been classified.

ORDER RESTORED IN MANCHURIA.

PEKING, Jan. 4.

A telegram from Harbin states that order has been restored along the Chinese Eastern Railway where the Maximalists surrendered to 1,000 Chinese troops and have arrived at a station in Manchuria.

UKRAINE AND THE MAXIMALISTS.

PETROGRAD, Jan. 4.

The Peoples' Commissioners promise that they will not war against Ukraine if Ukraine allows the Maximalists to attack General Kaledin.

THE QUESTION OF REPATRIATING PRISONERS.

PETROGRAD, Jan. 4.

Negotiations regarding the repatriation of prisoners-of-war have been held up owing to the Maximalist insistence on free communication with the Austrian and German Socialists and the appointment of a Commission to report upon the hundreds of thousands of Poles who have been forced to work in German factories.

THE BRITISH AMBASSADOR TO RUSSIA.

LONDON, Jan. 4.

The *Times* states that on account of a somewhat serious breakdown in health, Sir George Buchanan, the British Ambassador at Petrograd, has been granted leave of absence and will shortly return home.

It is improbable that any successor will at present be appointed and if events make the retention of the Embassy desirable, it will be left to the control of the Chargé d'Affaires.

THE NATIVES OF EX-GERMAN COLONIES.

COMMENT ON A GERMAN CLAIM.

PARIS, Jan. 4.

In connection with the report that the German delegates at Brestlitovsk claimed that the natives of the ex-German Colonies were whole-heartedly loyal to Germany, Commandant de Civrieux, writing in the *Matin*, points out that German official figures show that German frightfulness reduced the population of Togoland from 2,500,000 to little over a million in 17 years. He also emphasises that the Germans in South-West Africa, when they surrendered, begged [illegible] retain their arms [illegible] natives.

MAN-POWER RESOURCES OF THE BELLIGERENTS.

LONDON, Jan. 3.

It is officially announced that Mr. Barnes, the Pensions Minister, presided at a meeting of the Representatives of the Government and the Trade Unions associated with recruiting in connection with protected occupations.

Sir Auckland Geddes, the Minister of National Service, stated that the War Cabinet had studied the man-power resources of all the belligerents. The Russian situation had completely altered the position in the last six months, but the American armies would ultimately more than redress the balance. The speed with which they could be put into the field was almost entirely a question of tonnage; meanwhile, a great strain would be thrown on Great Britain's resources. The three first requisites for victory were the increase in the output of shipping; the saving of tonnage and the maintenance of the armies in the field. Hence a departure from the existing arrangements was imperative, inasmuch as the maintenance of the armies in the field is impossible unless a large number is recruited from the munitions workers, both for the technical and fighting units.

The meeting was adjourned until to-morrow.

PRESIDENT WILSON'S NEW YEAR'S MESSAGE TO BRITISH PREMIER.

LONDON, Jan. 4.

President Wilson, in a New Year message to Mr. Lloyd George, refers to his resolution to continue to put every man and resource in the United States into the imperative task of winning an honourable peace. He says:—"Your message on behalf of the British War Cabinet is deeply appreciated and our spirits respond to its friendly challenge."

FOOD CULTIVATION IN THE UNITED KINGDOM.

AN IMPERATIVE NEED.

LONDON, Jan. 3.

The Prime Minister, in a message to the agricultural labourers of Great Britain, appeals to all to do their utmost to help grow more food. "There is a world-wide shortage of food and we may have to feed the Army and Navy and also ourselves on what we can grow at home."

THE ANNUAL BRITISH LABOUR CONFERENCE.

LONDON, Jan. 4.

Mr. Huysman, the Secretary of the International Socialist Bureau, will attend the Annual Labour Conference at Nottingham, on January 22.

FRENCH SHIPPING LOSSES.

A CORRECTION.

Reuter corrects the number of French vessels, over 1,000 tons, sunk, to two, instead of nine, as cabled yesterday.

SILVER PRODUCTION.

LONDON, Jan. 4.

The *Times* states that the demand for silver in 1918 is again expected to exceed the world's production owing to the requirements of Indian and European coinage.

The stock of silver in London is now almost negligible.

The Silver Market is steady.

SHIPBUILDING IN CANADA.

OTTAWA, Jan. 4.

The Government is inaugurating a vigorous shipbuilding policy and will utilise all the Canadian shipyards, the capacity of which is 250,000 tons annually.

Three classes of ships will be built, namely, vessels of 3,000 tons, 5,000 tons, and from 8,000 to 10,000 tons.

The Government is also negotiating for the construction of the necessary rolling-mills.

THE NATIONALIST LEADER IN AUSTRALIA.

MELBOURNE, Jan. 4.

The Nationalist Party has passed a resolution by 63 votes to 2 that Mr. Hughes should retain the Leadership.

THE CONSCRIPTION REFERENDUM IN AUSTRALIA.

MELBOURNE, Jan. 4.

The [illegible] of 700,000 [illegible]

BRITISH PRISONERS FROM RUHLEBEN.

A PROTEST TO DUTCH GOVERNMENT.

AMSTERDAM, Jan. 3.

A Correspondent in the *Telegraaf* states that Major-General Hanbury, the Chief of the British War Prisons at The Hague, has protested to the Dutch Government in connection with the confusion yesterday, during the embarkation of the wounded prisoners from Germany.

The trouble was apparently due to the delayed arrival of the trains, in connection with which a Dutch protest to Germany is pending.

Three hundred and sixty British civilians and 20 Lascars, including seventeen mental cases, arrived in the morning from Ruhleben. The train took 24 hours on the journey.

Three thousand prisoners remain at Ruhleben of whom it is expected 1,000 will shortly be released.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

BRITISH OVERSEAS TRADE.

PROGRAMME OF EXTENDED ACTIVITIES.

LONDON, Jan. 3.

Sir Albert Stanley, President of the Board of Trade, in a foreword to the current Board of Trade *Journal*, outlines the programme of the Board's extended activities towards increasing oversea commerce, including the dissemination of up-to-date information from all parts of the world.

The *Journal* states that the new Department of Overseas Trade will control the Board of Trade Trade Commissioner Service, within the Empire and the Foreign Office's Commercial Attaché Service within the Empire and the Commercial Attaché Service of the Foreign Office. It is intended to extend the Trade Commissioner Service to India and some of the principal Crown Colonies, which will greatly increase its commercial purposes.

The *Journal* describes the new system of distribution of information under the pledge of secrecy to traders and manufacturers regarding possible importers in certain foreign countries of British manufactured goods. The idea is the outcome of the Enemy Trading Act. Ten thousand traders have already availed themselves of its use, all of whose *bonâ fides* have been doubly checked with the assistance of the leading commercial organisations. Even more confidential and more secret is the special register, which provides wide information regarding trade openings abroad, reports on foreign competition and various oversea industries.

SPANISH PARLIAMENT DISSOLVED.

MADRID, Jan. 3.

The King has dissolved Parliament, and the elections have been fixed for February 17th. The meeting of the new Parliament is fixed for March 3rd.

THE WESTERN FRONT.

ATTEMPTS AT FRATERNISATION.

LONDON, Jan. 3.

Reuter's Correspondent at British Headquarters states:—

The Germans attempted to fraternise on New Year's Eve, displaying during the day messages lifted above the parapet. One of these was intended for the Australians' consumption, and suggested that as the Germans were giving the Russians peace, perhaps the "Anzacs" would be glad of peace also, upon which a burst of firing shattered the notice-board.

Subsequently, about mid-night, the Germans threw over a large number of granades, accompanied by a barrage by machine-guns, and sent up a fine display of Very lights of all colours along the whole length of the Front, and a tremendous bass voice roared three times in succession. "A Happy New Year, Australia!"

MR. WARDLE DENIES REPORT OF RESIGNATION.

LONDON, Jan. 3.

Mr. Wardle denies that he has resigned the Secretaryship of the Board of Trade.

THE BRITISH FOOD SITUATION.

NO OCCASION FOR ALARM.

LONDON, Jan. 3.

Lord Rhondda, the Food Controller, in a speech, stated that the Food Ministry was willing to make grants in order to encourage the establishment of communal kitchens. The food situation need occasion no alarm, as the scheme for compulsory rationing was nearly complete, and would be applied after it had received the Cabinet's sanction.

The margarine output would shortly equal the pre-war figures, the tea supplies would soon improve, and the prices would be reduced. He foreshadowed a considerable temporary shortage of meat.

SOMETHING TO REMEMBER.

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COMPANY MEETING.

EWO COTTON SPINNING AND WEAVING CO., LTD.

The annual shareholders' meeting of the Ewo Cotton Spinning and Weaving Company, Ltd., was held on December 29th at the offices of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Co., the general managers. Mr. John Johnstone presided. The directors present were Messrs. E. E. Clarke, J. W. C. Bonner, Zee Quan-yuen and Yau Sung-pan. Mr. J. Kerfoot acted as secretary. The shareholders present were Messrs. A. Brooke-Smith, E. B. Broadrick, H. J. Clark, J. Prentice, F. J. Burrett, W. H. Barham, R. A. Clacke, D. Landale and H. E. Morriss.

The CHAIRMAN said:—"On the last occasion I had the pleasure of addressing you I said we had made a good start and the outlook was healthier than we had seen it for many months. Gentlemen, I am pleased to say the year's working shows a record as regards profit, and all our departments have contributed to it. We were in a position to supply a demand created by the war with several of our specialties, but at the same time I wish it to be clearly understood that the major of our profit has come from the "Spindle Point"—it has been a spinner's year, entirely different to the preceding one, when we lost money with our spinning but had an advantage with our looms. There have been several factors contributing to this result. We had a healthy demand for our yarns throughout the year and less competition from Japan and India as the mills in those countries were trying to make good what Lancashire failed to supply, consequently we had good margins of profit and yarn prices followed the upward trend of cotton due to short supplies. Our mills also benefited considerably through gambling in Japanese yarn in Osaka, which accounted for record prices in cotton and yarn on this market in August and resulted in margins of profit which we may never see again. We took advantage of market conditions and worked our No. 2 Mill night and day during the greater part of the year as well as the No. 1 Mill—our weaving working day time only.

"The profit for the twelve months ending Oct. 31 was Tls. 849,387.36, which, with the amount brought forward from last year, leaves available for distribution Tls. 854,312.57.

"It is proposed to pay a dividend of Tls. 20 per share on the ordinary shares, and it may interest you to know that inclusive of this year's dividend Tls. 90 per share have been paid during the last seven years.

"From the report it will be seen that it is proposed to write off Plant and Machinery Tls. 90,000.00. These amounts exceed last year's appropriation by Tls. 26,000 and are called for by the recent additions and by the fact that we have been working our No. 2 Mill and the Waste Spinning and Waste Weaving Mill night and day during the year. The Special Repairs and Renewals Fund of Tls. 50,000 has been created to meet the cost of extensive renewals in our No. 1 Mill when we are able to obtain supplies from England to bring our machinery up to date. If you approve of the proposed appropriations, the Tls. 125,000 for Equalisation of Dividends will bring that fund to Tls. 500,000, which was the figure it was originally decided to maintain.

"By the addition of Tls. 150,000 the reserve fund will then stand at Tls. 500,000.

"I do not think the other small items for depreciation call for any special remark except that they will not again require attention for some years. The contribution to the British War Funds of Tls. 50,000 will, I am sure, meet with your approval. It is proposed to subscribe this sum equally between the Red Cross and Widows and Orphans Fund. It is our first donation since the war started and as we are a British company the least we can do is to support the British Government in the colossal task they have undertaken and to alleviate to the best of our ability the suffering and distress cheerfully borne by those at home. As we have had such a successful year, the Consulting Committee recommend that the sum of Tls. 20,000 be paid as a bonus to the European and Chinese staffs at the mills in recognition of the services rendered to the company in obtaining the results as presented in the report.

"Our working costs during the year have been high, and we can expect no relief in this respect in the near future as our coal contract alone next year is nearly double what it was last year. The expenditure in interest was Tls. 66,877.62; this was due to the large stocks of cotton we were compelled to carry to safeguard the working of our mills, also to the extensions which have been carried out without calling up fresh capital.

"As regards future prospects, at the moment it is difficult to form an opinion—from a statistical standpoint, they were never better. The markets throughout China are depleted of stocks, the Chinese farmers have done exceedingly well and should be in a position to make purchases, and with the diminishing supplies from other countries, prices for our products should show a fair margin of profit. The disturbing feature of the situation is the continued strife between the political parties in the North and South, and we look forward to the time when these factions will settle down to an honest working policy which will benefit China and the people of this vast Empire. You will probably have noticed that the International Commission for the revision of the Chinese Import Tariff is to meet in Shanghai on [illegible]

"I would like to suggest the abolition of import duties on raw material, also the coast trade duties from one port in China to another, but whatever may be done to augment revenue by increasing import duties, I trust the cotton mills will be allowed to remain as at present as far as the paying of excise is concerned. There are too few industries in China; if there were more work and wages for the people there would be less unrest. To attract outside capital, security and protection must be given and in considering the new tariff this matter should appeal to the commissioners.

"We have not made much headway with the prevention of watering of cotton and other adulteration. Since I last addressed you, two Chinese officials, together with a foreign expert, visited Shanghai and had ocular demonstration of what the cotton mills have to contend with in this respect. So far, I have not heard anything resulting from their visit, but hope that something may be done to make it a penal offence to water cotton or adulterate it in other ways. I think I have referred to all matters that will interest you, but if any shareholders wish to ask questions, I shall be pleased to answer them to the best of my ability."

The following resolutions were then passed:—

That the report and accounts as presented be adopted and passed—proposed by the Chairman and seconded by Mr. E. E. Clark.

That a dividend of Tls. 20 per share be paid on the ordinary shares—proposed by the Chairman and seconded by Mr. E. E. Clark.

That a bonus of Tls. 20,000 be paid to the staff at the mill—proposed by Mr. Barham and seconded by Mr. Burrett.

That a donation of Tls. 25,000 be given to the British Red Cross Fund and a similar amount to the Soldiers and Sailors Widows and Orphans Fund—proposed by Mr. Prentice and seconded by Mr. H. J. Clark.

That Mr. G. E. Wingrove be re-elected Auditor of the Company for the ensuing year—proposed by Mr. Brodie Clark and seconded by Mr. Broadrick.

That Messrs. J. Johnstone, E. E. Clark, J. W. C. Bonner, Zee Quan-yuen [illegible]

Mr. Burrett then moved a vote of thanks to the general managers and the Consulting Committee on the success of the year and particularly to Mr. Brooke-Smith for his valuable work. This was passed and after words of thanks from Mr. Johnstone and Mr. Brooke-Smith the meeting adjourned.

UNION CHURCH WORKING PARTY.

The Ladies Working Party of Union Church has sent two cases to Amara, Mesopotamia, containing the following:

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(Signed) G. M. [illegible]

[illegible] Scottish General Hospital, Glasgow, [illegible]

Mrs. Hackling,

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HAIPHONG	*TAISANG*	FRIDAY,	Jan. 11, at 7 a.m.
MANILA	*LOONGSANG*	FRIDAY,	Jan. 11, at 3 p.m.
MANILA	*YUENSANG*	FRIDAY,	Jan. 18, at 3 p.m.

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Hongkong, Nov. 23, 1917. 2319

NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES

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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship
"VAN WAERWYCK"
having arrived from the above Port, consignees of cargo by her are notified that all goods are being landed at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra-hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., whence and/or from the Wharves delivery may be obtained.

Goods not cleared by the 9th January 1918, will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed and damaged packages are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 6th January, 1918, at 10 a.m.

Claims against the steamer must be presented in writing within ten days after arrival of steamer, otherwise they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by the undersigned in any case whatever.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN LYN,
Agents.

Hongkong, Jan. 2, 1918. 9

JOINT SERVICE OF THE "NEDERLAND" and "ROTTERDAM LLOYD" ROYAL MAIL LINES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE Steamship
"OPHIR",
having arrived from SAN FRANCISCO, Consignees of Cargo are hereby notified that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the Hazardous and/or extra-Hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd. whence and/or from the Wharves delivery may be obtained.

No claim will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns and all Goods remaining undelivered after noon the 10th January, will be subject to rent.

All claims against the steamer must be presented to the undersigned on or before the 14th January, or they will not be recognised.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 9th January at 10 a.m. by the Company's surveyors, Messrs. Goddard & Douglas.

No Insurance whatsoever has been effected.

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Hongkong, Jan. 4, 1918. 17

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"WHAT IS THE NAVY DOING?"

ADMIRAL BRIDGE'S REPLY.

An outspoken reply to the critics of the Navy is given by Admiral Sir Cyprian Bridge, formerly Director of Naval Intelligence at the Admiralty, in a letter to the "Daily Telegraph." In the course of his letter he states:—

"We may look—perhaps with apprehension rather than cheerfulness—for the effect which the speeches and unanimous votes in both Houses of Parliament on Monday will have on the long-continued and virulent attacks upon the Navy. Do not let there be any mistake. The attacks are, and have been, directed much more against the Navy than against the Admiralty.

"This statement would not have been made if it were not possible to bring forward evidence to establish its accuracy.

OFT REPEATED MALICE.

"A friend of mine, who in the early weeks of the war was sent by our Government on a special mission to the United States, where he remained for the best part of two years—wrote to me as far back as the first quarter of 1915, describing the persistent manner in which the British Navy was being held up to contempt. It was no use saying that this was due to the mendacities of the enemy's propaganda. People produced British authority for their contemptuous remarks.

"It was not only Americans who believed the "authorities" just referred to; British subjects in America who had correspondents in the United Kingdom also believed them, though naturally with shame and regret. Early in 1915 it was quite common to hear ladies moving in what were far from unimportant social circles saying, 'The Navy is rotten.' The same words were repeated so often, and the order in which they stood in the sentence was so invariably the same, that it was impossible to doubt that the male inspirers of the utterers meant the assertion to be spread as widely as possible.

A PROTEST.

"A lady from one of the greatest of our Overseas Dominions asked, in evident and serious alarm, 'What do people mean by saying so often that the Navy is rotten?' Some time in the summer of 1915, in a sermon which I heard a clergyman preach to a large congregation, he implored his hearers not to countenance in any way the disparagement of the work of the Navy—merely, as he said, because we did not get a weekly communiqué concerning its action. It was very common, especially amongst men of business of a very prominent class, to hear the question: 'What is the Navy doing?'

"A friend of mine of no small distinction in the banking world has told me that he has repeatedly had to remonstrate with men who seemed to take pleasure in disparaging the work of the Navy. He told them that in doing so they were both unjust and ungrateful.

AFTER JUTLAND BATTLE.

"Shortly after the battle of Jutland an acquaintance of mine told me that in one of the most prominent of Pall Mall (civilian) clubs, it was stated and believed that, on account of his conduct in the action, Admiral Beatty—that was the name which the assailants of the Navy then singled out for obloquy—deserved to be tried by court-martial. This condemnation of one of the most brilliant naval officers ever known was not confined to habitués of 'smart' clubs; it was also uttered by some who would probably be extremely reluctant to have it publicly attributed to them now.

"If the assailants cannot see that their action is playing the enemy's game, then they must be so deficient in perception that it would be rash to the verge of insanity to accept them as guides in the most serious affairs.

WHO ARE OFFICERS?

"What I am going to say now must be said, however painful it may be to say it. People will tell you that the attacks cannot be levelled at the Navy because there are naval officers who are either openly or behind the scenes backing them up. Those who tell you this had better be referred to the Introduction to the Hood Letters published by the Navy Records Society. Generally, when any person or institution is being vehemently attacked, it is well to bear in mind that pedantic vanity, thwarted ambition, personal animosity, cannot supply a good equipment for just criticism."

After citing the criticisms levelled at Hawke, Rodney, Howe, and Nelson, Admiral Bridge adds:—

"There is one thing that our present-day critics without an exception that I have been able to discover, entirely fail to recognise; that is, the character of the present war. In their advocacy of a particular offensive the assailants of the Navy show no conception of at least one of the conditions which the adoption of their recommendation of this operation would involve. Whether it would be wise or not, and there is undoubtedly something to be said for it, to carry it out the support of a very large military force would be indispensable. Where is it to come from, and how would at least one neutral and not unfriendly nation be affected?

"The nation will be wise if it declines to accept without the fullest and most deliberate consideration plans and proposals which are supported, if not put forward, by people who have been persistently vilifying the Navy and disparaging its achievements almost since the beginning of the war."

AMERICA'S AIM IN JOINING ALLIES' COUNCIL.

An important declaration of America's war aims by President Wilson was recently issued by Colonel House, head of the American Mission to represent the United States at the recently Allied War Council.

In reply to a question as to whether peace proposals would form any part of the discussion, Colonel House replied that the objects of the mission had been definitely stated by President Wilson in an announcement which he had issued that day.

This announcement begins:—

"The Government of the United States will participate in the approaching conference of the Powers waging war against the German Empire, and has sent as its representative, Mr. Edward M. House, who is accompanied by Admiral W. S. Benson, Chief of Naval Operations; General Tasker H. Bliss, Chief of Staff, U.S.A.; Oscar T. Crosby, Assistant-Secretary of the Treasury; Vance C. McCormic, chairman of the War Trade Board; Bainbridge Colby, United States Shipping Board; Dr. Alonzo E. Taylor, representing the Priority Board; and Gordon Akchincloss as secretary.

"The conference is essentially a 'war conference,' with the object of perfecting a more complete co-ordination of the activities of the various nations engaged in the conflict and a more comprehensive understanding of their respective needs, in order that the joint effort of the co-belligerents may attain the highest war efficiency."

THE NEEDS OF THE ALLIES.

After a reference to the conflicting demands of the Allies on the resources of the States, the declaration goes on:—

"By a general survey of the whole situation, and a free discussion of the needs of all, the approaching conference will undoubtedly be able to give to the demands of the several Governments their true perspective and proper place in the general plan for the war.

"Though the resources of this country are vast, and though there is every purpose to devote them all if need be to winning the war they are not without limit. But even if they were greater they should be used to the highest advantage in attaining the supreme object for which we are fighting. This can only be done by a full and frank discussion of the plans and needs of the various belligerents. It is the earnest wish of this Government to employ its military and naval forces and its resources and energies where they will give the greatest return in advancing the common cause.

"In looking forward to the assembling of the conference it cannot be too strongly emphasised that it is a war conference, and nothing else, devoted to devising ways and means to intensify the effort of the belligerents against Germany by complete co-operation under a general plan, and thus bring the conflict to a speedy and satisfactory conclusion."

Colonel House said that he thought the conference would last two or three days. Colonel House further mentioned that Mr. Crosby would stay in England indefinitely.

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ROYAL OBSERVATORY HONGKONG, DAILY WEATHER REPORT.

JANUARY 5, 1918.—a.m.

Station.	Hour.	Barometer at Sea Level.	Temperature.	Humidity.	Wind Direction.	Wind Force.	Weather.
Wl'ostock	6 a.	—	—	—	—		—
Memuro	6 a.	—	—	—	—		—
Hakodate	,,	—	—	—	—		—
Tokio	,,	—	—	—	—		—
Kochi	,,	—	—	—	—		—
Nagasaki	,,	—	—	—	—		—
Kagoshima	,,	—	—	—	—		—
Oshima	,,	—	—	—	—		—
Naha	,,	—	—	—	—		—
Ishi'jima	,,	—	—	—	—		—
Bonin Island	,,	—	—	—	—		—
Weihaiwei	6 a.	30.39	23	87	WNW	4	b
Hankow	,,	—	—	—	—		—
Ichang	,,	—	—	—	—		—
Kinkiang	,,	—	—	—	—		—
Changsha	,,	—	—	—	—		—
Shanghai	,,	30.35	21	100	NNW	1	b
Gutzlaff	,,	30.48	28	79	NNW	4	b
Sharp Pk.	,,	30.30	44	76	NW	4	b
Amoy	,,	30.34	48	54	NE	1	b
Swatow	,,	—	—	—	—		—
Taihoku	5 a.	30.32	48	95	E	2	r
Taichu	,,	30.20	50	—	ENE	4	r
Tainan	,,	30.16	52	—	E	4	o
Koshun	,,	30.11	61	—	NE	7	b
Pescadores	,,	30.21	55	—	ENE	8	o
Canton	6 a.	—	—	—	—		—
Hongkong	,,	30.24	53	24	NE	2	o
Gap Rock	,,	30.21	—	—	NE	5	o
Macao	,,	30.21	60	33	ENE	6	b
Wuchow	9 a.	—	—	—	—		—
Pakhoi		—	—	—	—		—
Hoihow		—	—	—	—		—
Phulien	7 a.	30.26	52	51	NNW	2	b
Tourane	,,	30.12	59	—	NNW	2	o
C. St. James		—	—	—	—		—
Aparri	6 a.	30.02	68	83	E	4	of
Dagupan	,,	—	—	—	—		—
Manila	,,	29.89	72	94	—	0	o
Legaspi	,,	29.89	73	85	NE	4	o
Tacloban	,,	29.84	73	96	WNW	2	r
Iloilo	,,	29.82	73	96	NNW	4	o
Surigao	,,	29.82	73	98	NNE	1	o
Guam	4.20	29.94	73	—	—	0	r
Labuan	6 a.	29.71	77	95	SW	2	b

T. F. CLAXTON, *Director.*
Hongkong Observatory, Jan. 5, 1918.

1. BAROMETER, reduced to 32 degrees Fahrenheit, on the level of the sea in inches, tenths and hundredths.

2. TEMPERATURE, in the shade, in degrees Fahrenheit.

3. HUMIDITY, in percentage of saturation, the humidity of air saturated with moisture being 100.

4. DIRECTION OF WIND, to two points.

5. FORCE OF WIND, according to Beaufort Scale.

6. STATE OF WEATHER, b blue sky, c detached cloud, d drizzling rain, f fog, g gloomy, h hail, l lightning, o overcast, p passing showers, q squal, r rain, s snow, t thunder, v visibility, w dew, wet.

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LOCAL AND REGULAR MAILS OUTWARD.

FOR	WEEK-DAYS	SUNDAYS & HOLIDAYS
Tai O	5.00 P.M.	—
Tai Po	10.00 A.M.	9.30 A.M.
Cheang Chow	7.30 A.M. & 3 P.M.	—
Shataukok, Shatin and Sheungshui	4.00 P.M.	—
Aberdeen, Autau, Ping Shan, Sai Kung, Santin, Stanley	4.30 P.M.	—
Canton, Samsui and Wuchow	7.30 A.M. Regis. 5 P.M. Letters 6 P.M.	5.00 P.M.
Macao	7.15 A.M. 1.30 P.M.	9.00 A.M.
Kongmoon	6.00 P.M. Except Saturdays	5.00 P.M.
Namtau and Sanmei	5.00 P.M.	5.00 P.M.
Shamchun	10.00 A.M. 4.00 P.M.	9.00 A.M.

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FOR	WEEK-DAYS		SUNDAYS & HOLIDAYS
Macao	7.30 A.M. 1.30 P.M.	8.30 A.M.	7.30 A.M. 1.30 P.M.
Canton	7.30 A.M. 9.30 P.M.	9.30 P.M.	7.30 A.M. 9.30 P.M.
Tai Ping Tung	9.30 P.M.	9.30 P.M.	9.30 P.M.
Shek Ki	9.30 P.M.	9.30 P.M.	9.30 P.M.
Kongmoon	6.00 P.M.	6.00 P.M.	6.00 P.M.
Kumchuk	6.00 P.M.	6.00 P.M.	6.00 P.M.
Kaukong	6.00 P.M.	6.00 P.M.	6.00 P.M.

Except Saturdays.

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Hongkong, January 5, 1918.

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" 4 months' sight ... 3/-
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Wire ... —
On demand ... nom.

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Wire ... —
On demand ... nom.

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HONGKONG REGISTER.

	Previous day at 3 p.m.	On date at 9 a.m.	On date at 3 p.m.
Barometer	30.18	30.24	30.20
Temperature	62	58	60
Humidity	21	24	24
Direction of Wind	[illegible]	NE	[illegible]
Force	[illegible]	2	[illegible]
Weather	o	o	b
Rain	0.00	0.00	0.00

CHURCH SERVICES.

ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL.

EPIPHANY SUNDAY. JANUARY 6TH, 1918.

Holy Communion (7.50 a.m.)
Matins (11 a.m.)
Responses, Festal; Venite, Alcock; Psalms, 71 (Robinson); Te Deum, Oakeley in F; Jubilate, Hayes in F; Hymns, 1, (T 12), 165, 2 (T 378.) God Save the King.
Holy Communion (12 noon).
Evensong (6 p.m.)
Responses, Festal; Psalms, Turle, Tallis, Rimbault; Magnificat, Barnby (13th evening); Nunc Dimittis, Woodward, (14th evening); Hymns, 79, 78, 74.

St. Peter's Church, West Point.

Sunday Services, Jan. 6th.
8 a.m.—Holy Communion.
11 a.m.—Morning Prayer (Special Form of Service). Holy Communion and Sermon.
Preacher:—Dr. Baronsfeather (of the C.M.S., Pakhoi).

Union Church, Kennedy Road.

Sunday Services, Jan. 6th.
Morning Service at 11 a.m.—Psalm 100, Hymns 477, 571, 454, 227, subject: Hope, and its Foundation.
12.—Communion Service.
Evening Service at 6 p.m.—Service for Special Prayer and Thanksgiving in accordance with the King's message.
Psalm 46, Magnificat; Bunnet in F.
Hymns: "Lord God of Hosts," "For all the Saints," "God Save the King."
Collection for Fund for the Relief of British Prisoners of War.
Preacher at both Services: Rev. J. Kirk Maconachie.

St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon.

Holy Communion at 8 a.m. and at Morning Prayer.
Morning Prayer (11 a.m.)
Responses, Festal; Venite, Arnold, Chant No. 14; Psalms: Psalm, 71, Mornington, Chant 231 W.A.
N.B.—Verses, 15 and 16, 19, and 20, in Unison.
Te Deum, Woodward, Smart and Turle; Jubilate, Hayes; Kyrie, Mendelssohn; Hymns, 52 (Tune 554), 567, 48 (Tune 214 A. & M. and 599 (First and Third Verses in Unison).
Evening Prayer (6 p.m.)
Responses, Festal; Psalms: Psalm, 71, Mornington, Chant 231, W.A.
N.B. Verses, 15 and 16, 19 and 20 in Unison
Magnificat, Stainer, Chant 398, W.A.; Nunc Dimittis, Wesley; Hymns, 47, 580, 279 & 599 (First and Third Verses in Unison.)
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Weekly Services.—Sunday: Breaking of Bread for Believers only, 11 a.m.; Gospel Meeting, 8 p.m.
Tuesday and Thursday, Bible study, 8 p.m.
Friday, Ladies' Bible study, 5.30 p.m.
Saturday, Prayer Meeting, 6 p.m.

First Church of Christ Scientist.

MACDONNELL ROAD.
Sundays, 11 a.m.
Wednesdays, 5.30 p.m.

Wesleyan Methodist Church Wanchai.

Sunday Morning Service, 10.15 a.m.
Sunday Evening Service, 6.15 p.m.

Soldiers' and Sailors' Home, Arsenal Street.

Sunday Evening, Gospel Meeting, 8 p.m.

St. Joseph's Church Garden Road.

Mass and Sermon at 10 a.m. followed by the Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

Roman Catholic Cathedral, Glenealy.

Mass at 6, 7 and 9.30 a.m.
High Mass at 8 a.m.
5.30 p.m.—Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

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CHAIRS.

I.—In Victoria with two Bearers.

Quarter hour	10 cents
Half hour	20 ,,
One hour	25 ,,
Three hours	50 ,,
Six hours	70 ,,
Day (6 a.m. to 6 p.m.)	$1.00

If the trip is extended beyond Victoria, half fare extra.

Between the hours of 8.30 p.m. and 6 a.m. the above fares shall be increased by 50 per centum.

II.—Beyond Victoria, with four Bearers.

Hour	0.60 cents.
Three hours	$1.00
Six hours	1.50
Day (6 a.m. to 6 p.m.)	2.00

III.—In the Hill District.

	With 2 Bearers	With 4 Bearers.
Quarter hour	$0.15	$0.30
Half hour	0.20	0.40
One hour	0.30	0.60
Two hours	0.50	0.80
Three hours	0.70	1.00
Six hours	1.00	1.50
Day (6 a.m. to 6 p.m.)	1.50	2.00

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I.—In the Island of Hongkong engage if in Victoria.

Ten minutes	5 cents.
Quarter hour	10 ,,
Half hour	15 ,,
One hour	20 ,,
Every Subsequent hour	20 ,,

Note.—If the ricksha be engaged within the City of Victoria, and be discharged outside the Western part of the City of Victoria after 9 p.m., or be discharged to the East of Bay View Police Station on the Eastern side of the City of Victoria after 9 p.m., an extra half fare shall be chargeable.

II.—In Kowloon.

Quarter hour	5 cents.
Half hour	15 ,,
Hour	20 ,,
Every subsequent hour	10 ,,

III.—Taipo Road.

Twenty cents shall be added for each extra hour or part of an hour if the hirer causes the journey to take longer than:—

To 4th mile—		
single	75 cents	1 hour.
return	$1.00	2 hours.
Beyond 4th to 6th mile—		
single	$1.20	2 hours.
return	$1.50	4 ,,
Beyond 6th to 9th mile—		
single	$1.75	3½ ,,
return	$2.00	5 ,,
Beyond 9th to 11th mile—		
single	$2.00	3 ,,
return	$2.50	7 ,,

Fares for journeys beyond the 11th mile to be a matter of previous arrangement in each case.

The fares here set out to apply to one ricksha with three coolies from Tsim Sha Tsui.

FARES FOR PUBLIC CARRIAGES.

I

	Not exceeding per passenger.
From Slaughter House to Sailors' Home	04 cents.
From Sailors' Home to Government Civil Hospital	04 ,,
From Government Civil Hospital to Clock Tower	04 ,,
From Clock Tower to Race Course	10 ,,
From Clock Tower to Bay View House	12 ,,
From Wanchai Market to Bay View House	08 ,,
From Bay View House to Quarry Bay	08 ,,

II.—In the City of Victoria

	Not exceeding per passenger.
Quarter hour	10 cents.
Half hour	10 ,,
One hour	20 ,,
Two hours	35 ,,
Three ,,	50 ,,
Four ,,	60 ,,
Five ,,	70 ,,
Six ,,	75 ,,
One day from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.	$1.20

III.—Beyond Victoria.

	Not exceeding per passenger.
One hour	25 cents.
Two hours	45 ,,
Three ,,	60 ,,
Four ,,	75 ,,
Five ,,	85 ,,
Six ,,	90 ,,
One day from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.	$1.50

If a vehicle is discharged beyond the limits of the City of Victoria half fare extra is to be allowed for the return journey.

IV.—In Kowloon.

	Not exceeding per passenger.
Quarter hour	$ .40
Half hour	.60
One hour	.80
Two hours	1.40
Three ,,	2.00
Four ,,	2.40
Five ,,	2.80
Six ,,	3.00
One day from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.	5.00

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WEATHER REPORT.

January, 5d. 12h. 15m.—No returns from Japan and Wladivostock. The anticyclone has increased in intensity, and pressure has increased moderately over the east coast of China and Formosa, and slightly elsewhere.

Fresh monsoon will continue along the China Coast, and over the N. China Sea.

Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.00 inch. Total since January 1st, 0.00 inches, against an average of 0.12 inches.

Forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon on the 6th January:—

1.—Hongkong to Gap Rock: N.E. winds, moderate to fresh; fine.

2.—Formosa Channel: N. winds, strong.

3.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Lamocks: The same as No. 1.

4.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Hainan: The same as No. 1.

OFFICIAL NIGHTS.

The following Table shows the Standard Time at which Official Night ends and begins during the month of Jan., 1918:—

Date.	Ends.		Begins.	
Jan. 5th,	6.53	a.m.	6.06	p.m.
,, 6th,	6.53	,,	6.07	,,
,, 7th,	6.53	,,	6.07	,,
,, 8th,	6.53	,,	6.08	,,
,, 9th,	6.53	,,	6.08	,,
,, 10th,	6.53	,,	6.09	,,
,, 11th,	6.53	,,	6.09	,,
,, 12th,	6.53	,,	6.10	,,
,, 13th,	6.53	,,	6.11	,,
,, 14th,	6.53	,,	6.11	,,
,, 15th,	6.53	,,	6.12	,,
,, 16th,	6.53	,,	6.12	,,
,, 17th,	6.53	,,	6.13	,,
,, 18th,	6.53	,,	6.14	,,
,, 19th,	6.53	,,	6.15	,,
,, 20th,	6.53	,,	6.15	,,
,, 21st,	6.53	,,	6.16	,,
,, 22nd,	6.53	,,	6.16	,,
,, 23rd,	6.53	,,	6.17	,,
,, 24th,	6.53	,,	6.18	,,
,, 25th,	6.53	,,	6.18	,,
,, 26th,	6.52	,,	6.19	,,
,, 27th,	6.52	,,	6.20	,,
,, 28th,	6.51	,,	6.21	,,
,, 29th,	6.51	,,	6.21	,,
,, 30th,	6.51	,,	6.22	,,
,, 31st,	6.51	,,	6.23	,,

HONGKONG TIDES.

The tide-table given below has been compiled at the National Almanac Office in London from the result of the analysis of observations taken by means of an automatic tide-recording machine in the Water Police Basin at Tsim Sha Tsui during the years 1907-8-9.

The zero of the table corresponds with the zero of the sounding in the Admiralty Chart, which has been found to be 4 feet 3 inches below mean sea level.

To obtain the depth of water on the tide gauge at the Victoria Naval Yard add 3 feet 4 inches, and on the gauge at Lamont Dock, Aberdeen, add 10 feet 4 inches to the height given in the table.

January 6th to 13th, 1918.

		High Water Hongkong Mean Time.	Height	Low Water Hongkong Mean Time.	Height
Sun.	6	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Mon.	7	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Tues.	8	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Wed.	9	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Thur.	10	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Fri.	11	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Sat.	12	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Sun.	13	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

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SHARE REPORT.

JANUARY 5TH, 1918.

Stock and paid up Value.	Q'tions 11.30 A.M.	Last Dividend and date.	Approximate Return based on last year's div.
BANKS.			
Hongkong & S'hai $125	$ 590 ss.	Interim of £2-3/- a/c 1917	6 p.c.
MARINE INSURANCES.			
Cantons $ 50	$300 s.	$7 final making $25 a/c 1915 and Interim of $18 a/c 1916	
North Chinas 25	T. 115 b.	Int. div. of 15 % = 15/- at 3/6 5/16, $4.25 per share a/c 1916	7½ p.c.
Unions $100	$735 b.	Final of $20 and bonus of $10 a/c 1915 and Interim of $30 a/c 1916	6½ p.c.
Yangtszes $ 60	$205 ex. 73	$15 making $21 for 1915 and special of $3 on account 1916	7½ p.c. 11 p.c.
FIRE INSURANCES.			
China Fires $ 20	$122½ b.	$7 and bonus $2 for 1915	7 p.c.
Hongkong Fires $ 50	$310 s.	$27 for 1915	8½ p.c.
SHIPPING.			
Douglas Steamships $50	$73 b.	Final of $5 a/c 1916-1917	19½ p.c.
Steamboats $ 15	$17½ b.	$1.25 for 1916	6½ p.c.
Indo-Chinas— (Preferred) £5	$33½ b.	Final of 3/- a/c 1916	6 p.c.
(Deferred) £5	$156½ b. 156 s.	Final of 40/- a/c 1916	19 p.c.
"Shell" Transports £1	112/- b.	5/- final making 7/- a/c 1916 free of income tax Coupon 28	5¼ p.c.
"Star Ferry" $ 10	$29½	$1.30 div. and 30 cents to bonus for year ending 30-4-17	7½ p.c.
REFINERIES			
China Sugars $100	$93 s.	$12 for 1916	14½ p.c.
Malabon Sugars P. 30	$36 s.	P. 5 for 1916	15½ p.c.
MINING.			
Kailans £1	40/- s.	Int. div. of 1/- free of income tax, making 10% a/c 1916-1917 coupon No. 9	7 p.c.
Langkats fl. 10	T. 14 b.	Tls. 1 for 1916	8½ p.c.
Raubs £1	$2½ b. & s.		—
Tronoh Mines £1	31/3	1/- interim making 4/- a/c 1916	15 p.c.
Ural Caspians £1	26/- s.	9 % for 1915	—
DOCKS, WHARVES AND GODOWNS.			
Kowloon Wharves $ 10	$98 s.	8 % or 1916 & bonus $2	10 p.c.
H.K. & Whampoa Docks $	$128 s. 127 s.	Interim of $2½ a/c 1917	9½ p.c.
Shanghai Docks $ 10	T. 73 s.	Tls. 9 for year ending 30-4-17	12 p.c.
HOTELS LANDS AND BUILDINGS			
Hongkong Hotels $ 5	$90 b.	$3 a/c half year ended 30-9-17	8½ p.c.
Central Estates $10	$90 b.	$7 a/c 1916	7¾ p.c.
Hongkong Lands $10	$90	Interim of $3½ a/c 1917	7¾ p.c.
Humphreys Estates $ 10	$5½ b.	50 cents for 1916	8½ p.c.
Kowloon Lands $ 30	$30 b.	$2 for 1916	6½ p.c.
West Points $ 50	$81	Interim of $3 a/c 1917	7½ p.c.
Shanghai Lands T. 50	T. 72 s.	5 % final making 12 % a/c 1916	7½ p.c.
COTTON MILLS.			
Ewos T. 50	T. 170 s.	Tls. 20 for year ending 31-10-17	5½ p.c.
Shanghai Cottons T. 50	T. 123 b.	Tls. 6 div. a/c year ended 30-6-16	5 p.c.
Kung Yik T. 10	T. 16½ s.	Tls. 2 for 1917	12 p.c.
Yangtszepoo T. 5	T. 7.90 b.		—
Orientals	T. 44 b.		—
MISCELLANEOUS.			
China-Borneos 12	$7½ b.	60 cts. for 1916	9½ p.c.
Light & Powers $ 5	$3½ b.	p.c. for year ending 28-2-06	
China-Providents $ 10	$7.50 b.	cents for 1916	9½ p.c.
Dairy Farms $ 6	$37½ b.	$2 for year ending 31-7-17	13 p.c.
Green Islands $ 7½	$7.80 b.	80 cents for 1916	11 p.c.
Hongkong Electrics $ 10	$48 b.	$2½ a/c 1916/17. Bonus 75 cents	8½ p.c.
Hongkong Ices $ 25	$150 b.	$2 interim a/c 1917	7½ p.c.
Hongkong Ropes $ 10	$29½ s.	$1 interim a/c 1917	10 p.c.
Hongkong Tramways	$6½ b.	Interim of 9 % a/c 1917	9½ p.c.
H.K. Steel Foundry	$10	$1 a/c year 31-5-17	10 p.c.
Peak Tramways $ 10 do. (new) $ 1	$8½ b. 90 cents	7 % for 1916/1917	7½ p.c.
Steam Laundry $	$4 b.	35 cents for year 31-5-17	11½ p.c.
Union Waterboats $	$12	9 % for 1916	11 p.c.
Watsons $	[illegible] s.	10 cents for 1916	10 p.c.
William Powell $	[illegible]	50 cents for 1915/1916	